of students who have applied for admission and the number who have not been able to obtain admission cannot be stated precisely. However, the University has indicated that it should be in a position to absorb practically all the eligible candidates.

1794. [*Transferred to the 10th August, 1983*].

Talks during Prime Minister's visit to France

1795. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister visitel France during the month of July, 1989; and

(b) if so, the nature of discussions held between the Prime Minister of India and the leader|VIP of other countries, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) P M participated in the Bicentanary celebrations of the French Revolution in Paris. Over 30 world leaders were present on this occasion. Prime Minister renewed bilateral contacts with them. Substantive discussions were held with the Heads of State or Government of Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Egypt, FRG, Japan, Mexico, Philippines, Senegal, Uganda, UK, USA, Zimbabwe and the UN Secretary General, among others. In addition substantive talks were also held with the French President, Prime Minister and Finance Minister. The PM was closely and actively associated with the initiative taken at Paris to call for a North-South Summit. The discussions with the leaders covered bilateral and international issues and resulted in greater respect and understanding for our perceptions and policies at home and abroad.

Coordination in economic activities between Soviet Union, China and India

1796. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals are being considered to coordinate economic activities between Soviet Union, China and India;

(b) whether there was any such agenda in the talks held recently between President Gorbachov and Prime Minister of India; and

(c) what is the latest thinking of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c) Possibilities of increased and expanded bilateral and other forms of economic cooperaiton have been under discussion with both USSR and China, as indeed with other friendly countries. Certain aspects of this matter were naturally discussed during the Prime Minister's visit to Moscow in mid-July 1989. Government intend to continue consultations and dentify concrete areas of poosible cooperation.

Need for shifting of Dimapur Railway Station

1797. SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Dimapur Railway Station is at present situated in old city and needs shifting to any open place there;

(b) if so, by when the work is likely to start; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Dimapur station is situated in the city.

Neither any representation for shifting of Dimapur station from the existing site has been received nor the Railway has felt the necessity of shifting the same.

Extension of broad gauge line from Guwahati to Tinsukhia

1798. SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for extension of broad gauge line from Guwahati to Tinsukhia *via* Dimapur; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in taking up the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) A Survey for extension of broad gauge line from Guwahati to Tinsukhia and Dibrugarh *via* Dimapur was carried out and proposal sent to the Planning Commission for approval. The Commissin did not clear the proposal due to constraint of resources and heavy commitments already on hand and suggested upgradation of the existing MG line. The Commission has, however, formed a working group to identify railway projects to be taken up in the North-East Region during the VIII Plan. Extension of BG from Guwahati to Tinsukhia and Dibrugarh is one of the proposals to be considered. No further action can be taken up till the proposals are finalised and approved.

Improvement of runway and terminal of Dimapur Airport

1799. SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the runway and terminals at Dimapur Airport need immediate improvement; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in taking up the work in hand and by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Computer for booking air passage at Dimapur city

1800. SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that computer for booking air passage at Dimapur city office is not available at present; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be installed to encourage and meet air booking facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Airlines is pursuing with the Post and Telegraph authorities for providing a data circuit to enable Dimapur station to be connected to the Central Reservation System with computer (CRT) capability.

Congestion at air booking city office Dimapur

1801. SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Air Booking City office at Dimapur is very congested and too small to house the air passengers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the environment in the office is very bad and shabby; and

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what steps